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WASHINGTON, February 6, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 1 totaled 326,501, up 3.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 2.3 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the East and up 4.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 1,148 cars (4.0 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 3,208 cars (22.5 percent), and coal loadings decreased by 1,109 cars (0.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first five weeks of 1992 totaled 1,539,896, up 2.5 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 129,236 trailers and containers for the week ended February 1, up 5.5 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of 1992 was 582,159 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 1 totaled 20.9 billion, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1992 was an estimated 99.2 billion ton-miles, up 5.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,923	28,775	4.0 %	30,623	-2.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,737	2,207	-21.3	1,779	-2.4
Metallic Ores	14,159	12,759	11.0	13,433	5.4
Coal	125,849	126,958	-0.9	126,759	-0.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,108	9,719	4.0	9,976	1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,648	7,732	-1.1	7,699	-0.7
Grain Mill Products	10,333	10,202	1.3	10,207	1.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,987	9,417	-4.6	9,275	-3.1
Primary Forest Products	9,336	8,944	4.4	8,769	6.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,576	5,692	15.5	5,988	9.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,468	10,759	-2.7	9,996	4.7
Chemicals	29,166	28,360	2.8	28,409	2.7
Petroleum Products	4,815	4,533	6.2	4,973	-3.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,163	7,958	2.6	7,693	6.1
Coke	5,539	4,812	15.1	4,933	12.3
Metals & Products	11,273	10,047	12.2	10,095	11.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,452	14,244	22.5	14,917	17.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,237	8,067	2.1	8,158	1.0
All Other Carloads	6,732	5,870	14.7	5,399	24.7
Total	**326,501**	**317,055**	**3.0 %**	**319,081**	**2.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 5 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**326,501**	**317,055**	**3.0 %**	**1,539,896**	**1,502,409**	**2.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,097	64,662	-2.4	279,365	293,667	-4.9
Containers	66,139	57,790	14.4	302,794	267,520	13.2
Total	**129,236**	**122,452**	**5.5**	**582,159**	**561,187**	**3.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.9**	**20.0**	**4.5 %**	**99.2**	**94.1**	**5.4 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 5, 1992 - TM.